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In re Application of: )  
YOSHIHIKO HIGUCHI ET AL. )  
Serial No.: 08/959,125 ) Art Unit: 1743  
Filed: October 28, 1997 ) Examiner: Alexander, L  
For: DRY MEASURING TEST DEVICE )

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please enter the following preliminary amendments and consider the appended remarks.

In The Claims

Please amend Claim 1 as follows:

1. (Thrice Amended) A dry measuring test device, comprising a single reagent layer comprising a reagent containing a chromogen, polymer beads embedding light reflective particles, wherein the beads are not chemically bonded to each other, and a matrix which retains said reagent and said polymer beads uniformly distributed in the form of a single layer, the matrix comprising a hydrophilic high molecular substance as main constituent, for determining a substance to be measured in a liquid sample by measuring the degree of coloring of the chromogen generated through the reaction between the substance to be measured and the reagent in terms of reflectance of light entered into the reagent layer.

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